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Milwaukee personal care agency operator charged with tax crimes

Ashley M. LaGrone, 28, of Katy, Texas, was recently charged with two state felony tax violations. LaGrone was charged with one count of filing a false or fraudulent Wisconsin income tax return for 2016. She was also charged with filing a fraudulent claim for the Wisconsin earned income credit.

According to the [criminal complaint](#), LaGrone owned and operated Majestic Home Health Care, LLC (Majestic) in Milwaukee. Majestic was a personal care agency which received payment solely from Wisconsin Medicaid. The complaint alleges that LaGrone filed a 2016 Wisconsin income tax return that understated her taxable income by over \$98,000. The Wisconsin tax due on that income is \$6,757.

The complaint further alleges that LaGrone filed a fraudulent claim for the Wisconsin earned income credit and received \$2,131. If LaGrone had accurately reported Majestic's income on her tax returns, she would not have been entitled to receive a federal or Wisconsin earned income credit.

If convicted on both counts, LaGrone faces a maximum penalty of 12 years in prison, and \$20,000 in fines.

The criminal charges were filed in Dane County Circuit Court by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office following an investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue's Office of Criminal Investigation.

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue, Office of Criminal Investigation investigates individuals and businesses suspected of committing tax crimes and seeks criminal prosecution for the crimes committed.

To report tax fraud, go to the DOR website at www.revenue.wi.gov and click the "Report tax fraud" link under Quick Links.

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